

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Weather and Floods
FEMA-DR-1655-VA
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 27
1400 Hours 31 August 2006

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JFO Hours of operations: M-F: 0800-1800 hours
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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are currently being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth resulting from the substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 23 Jun - 6 Jul 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: The JFO will begin a reduced transitional staffing on 1 Sep 2006 and continue to 15 Sep 2006. No further SITREPS will be sent from the JFO.

State of Emergency and Executive Order: By Executive Order, Governor Timothy Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006 and nine jurisdictions eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, four additional counties were approved by FEMA on 26 July 2006, two counties were approved by FEMA letter on 3 August 2006, **and one city (Galax) by FEMA letter on 22 August 2006** as also eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The following is the current eligible 16 jurisdictions (14 counties and two cities):

Alleghany	Floyd	Alexandria (City of)	Bath
Rockbridge	Henry	Arlington	Botetourt
Rappahannock	Highland	Fairfax	Craig
Galax (City of)	Mecklenburg	King George	Dickenson

On 15 August 2006, pursuant to non-approvals of requests for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program by FEMA, the Commonwealth requested a SBA disaster declaration for affected jurisdictions. On 18 August 2006, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that the following jurisdictions had been declared a disaster area.

Arlington	Fairfax	Alexandria (City of)	Prince William
Loudoun	Fairfax (City of)	Falls Church (City of)	

WEATHER

Tropical Storm Ernesto: Ernesto is moving N at 15 mph, projected to move N-NE and increase speed during the next 24 hours. Storm center projected to be farther away from the NE coast of Florida today. Storm center projected to be near the North and South Carolina coasts late today or tonight. Maximum sustained winds have increased to 55 mph. Forecast is for strengthening during the next 24 hours.

Rainfall totals of 4-8 inches are possible from northeast South Carolina into the Mid-Atlantic States and the southern and central Appalachians with isolated maximum amounts of 12 inches. These amounts could cause life-threatening flash floods.

Seven-day forecast (Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu-W): 31 Aug-6Sep 2006): A flash flood watch exists throughout most of Virginia and with projected heavy rainfall and possibly thunderstorms. Today's high will be 75 and nightly low of 67 with a 70% chance of precipitation today and a 90% chance of precipitation tonight with possible new accumulation of 2-3 inches. Friday will contain periods of rain and thunderstorms with some storms producing heavy rainfall Friday night. Friday high will be 72 and nightly low will be 65 with a 100% chance of precipitation during the day and a 80% chance of precipitation at night. Saturday will contain a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Saturday high will be 84 and nightly low will be 65 with a 20-30% chance of precipitation. Sunday will also contain a chance of showers and thunderstorm, mainly afternoon and evening. Sunday will be 83 and nightly low will be 68 with a 30% chance of precipitation. Labor Day Monday and Tuesday will be similar with daily highs of 84-85 and nightly lows of 65-66 and chance of precipitation 30% both days. Wednesday will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 83.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 16 affected jurisdictions are represented by 60 legislators. JFO-Legislative Liaison is Mr. Art Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is **mid-late September 2006**.

**ESF 14 – Long-term
Community Recovery:**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:	Locality (37 each)	Private (18 each)	Public* (34 each)
	Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

**State Public Assistance
(PA) Briefings:**

Applicants' Briefings Conducted (3 ea):

25 Jul 2006	Richmond, VA
26 Jul 2006	Fairfax, VA
3 Aug 2006	Salem, VA

Kick-off Meetings Conducted (14 ea):

28 Jul 2006	Chantilly, VA	1 Aug 2006	Alexandria, VA
1 Aug 2006	Fancy Hill, VA	2 Aug 2006	Fairfax, VA
3 Aug 2006	King George, VA	3 Aug 2006	Salem, VA
7 Aug 2006	Arlington, VA	7 Aug 2006	Fairfax, VA
14 Aug 2006	Vienna, VA	14 Aug 2006	Herndon, VA
15 Aug 2006	Reagan WashNatAirpt	22 Aug 2006	Falls Church, VA
25 Aug 2006	Warm Springs, VA	25 Aug 2006	Richmond, VA

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program.

The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1655-DR is COB of the following dates:

Amended 2 jurisdictions:	Sat	2 Sep 2006
Amended 1 jurisdiction:	Thu	21 Sep 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Ellington. The JFO address is :

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RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(20 total)**:

Alexandria, (City of)	Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.
Arlington County	Acacia Masonic Lodge 16 (Clifton, VA)
Alleghany County	Clifton (Town of)
Clifton Forge (Town of)	Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority
Fairfax County	Fairfax County Public Schools
Dickenson County	Virginia Dept of Transportation
King George County	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management
Vienna (Town of)	Virginia State Police
Herndon (Town of)	Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District
Galax (City of)	Bath County Public Service Authority

As of COB, 30 August 2006, a total of 135 (current estimated projection is 242) PA project worksheets (PWs) has been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review/approval and funding obligations. Current total amount obligated is \$1,213,629.71

Individual Assistance:

The SBA has opened and each will remain open through Friday, 8 September 2006, the following two centers in northern Virginia:

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers:

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| 1. | When: | Opened 1000 Hours, 21 August 2006 (Mon) |
| | Hours: | 1000-1900 hours (10am-7pm) M-F |
| | Where: | <u>8350 Richmond Highway (US Rte 1), Alexandria, VA</u> |
| 2. | When: | Opened 1000 Hours, 23 August 2006 (Wed) |
| | Hours: | 1000-1900 hours (10am-7pm) M-F |
| | Where: | <u>Alexandria City/Arlington County Parks & Rec Bldg, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, VA</u> |

Mitigation:

State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) continues working with several communities regarding NFIP training, compliance, and enforcement.

Mitigation Training Courses (EMI Certified) Conducted:

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| 1. | Course (E273): E273: Managing Development through the NFIP |
| | When: 21-24 Aug 2006 |
| | Where: Richmond, VA |
| | Attendees: 20 |

Mitigation Training Courses (EMI Certified) Scheduled:

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| 1. | Course (E273): Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP |
| | When: 11-14 Sep 2006 |
| | Where: Roanoke, VA |
| | Attendees: Registered: 42 |
| 2. | Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings |
| | When: 25-28 Sep 2006 |
| | Where: Richmond, VA |
| | Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM. Deadline: 9 Sep 2006. |

Mitigation Training Courses (EMI Certified) Awaiting Scheduling:

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| 1. | Course (386): Introduction to Residential Coastal Construction |
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The Revised Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has been signed by the SCO and submitted to FEMA for review and approval.

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Completed (3ea):

15 Aug 2006	Roanoke County, VA	Total Attendees: 15
16 Aug, 2006	Lexington, VA	Total Attendees: 17
17 Aug 2006	Fairfax, VA	Total Attendees: 14

CRATER Regional Hazard Mitigation Plans, final approval received for following jurisdictions:

Claremont (Town of)	Colonial Heights (City of)	Prince George County
Hopewell (City of)	Petersburg (City of)	*Chesterfield County
*Dinwiddie County	*Greenville County	*Surry County
*Emporia (City of)	*Stoney Creek (City of)	

Note: *Final approval for these jurisdictions had already been obtained.

Amelia County Hazard Mitigation Plan has passed initial FEMA review (conditional approval) at the JFO and has been forwarded to FEMA Region III for final review.

Richmond Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (with all remaining resolutions for participating jurisdictions) received at VDEM and under review for forwarding to FEMA for final 322 (Hazard Mitigation Plan) approval.

Thomas Jefferson Regional Hazard Plan: Received adoption resolutions from two remaining jurisdictions (Louisa County and Town of Columbia) to be forwarded to FEMA. All other jurisdiction resolutions have been previously forwarded to FEMA.

Peninsula Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Received adoption resolutions from jurisdictions to be forwarded to FEMA.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO/Field staffing plan (through 8 Sep 2006) is on the VDEM “common drive.” **JFO Planning Section ceases operations COB, 31 August 2006.**

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit: Current VDEM JFO / field staffing is **25 (including 6 contractor personnel).**

Administration Unit: **SCO/DSCO Executive Secretary remains at the JFO through final closedown.**

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